**Using the Dewey Decimal Classification System**

*The DDC is used to arrange all nonfiction materials in to a numerical order. Each nonfiction item belongs in one of 10 subject divisions, and each division is divided into 10 other classifications. This is called the Dewey Decimal Classification System.*

**Here are the 10 major divisions**

000-099 **General Works:** Includes reference books such as encyclopedias, magazines and newspapers, computer science, information.

100-199 **Philosophy/Psychology:** Materials about the ideas of humankind, thinking and how people think and act. Parapsychology, psychology and occultism.

200-299 **Religion:** Materials about different religions, such as Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Muslim and any other religion.

300-399 **Social Sciences:** Materials that deal with people and how their society works. Materials about governments, laws, customs of societies and stories of countries. Fables, folktales and fairytales are also in this division. Sociology, political science, economics, etc.

400-499 **language:** Materials that teach and inform English as well as other languages such as French, German, Spanish and many others. Linguistics, and specific languages.

500-599 **Science:** Materials about rocks, planets, animals, space, mathematics, etc. Natural sciences that explain the world we live in.

600-699 **Technology:** Materials that contain applied sciences about human-made arts. The use of science for everyday practical purposes such as how to build roads, transportation, cooking, farming, etc. that benefit humankind.

700-799 **Fine Arts and Recreation:** Materials that cover painting, drawing, art, music, and sports.

800-899 **Literature:** materials and books of plays, poems, short stories and novels.

900-999 **History/Geography:** materials and books about history, travel, geography and biography. Atlases are also in this section.